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**8th Grade
2017-2018 Course Selections**

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STUDENT NAME: _____ **ID#:** _____

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ADDRESS: _____ **ENDORSEMENT:** _____

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME(S): _____

PARENT'S CELL PHONE: _____ **OR** _____

PARENT'S EMAIL: _____

STUDENTS WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 7 CLASS PERIODS EACH DAY

**CORE SUBJECT AREAS
(CIRCLE ONE COURSE FROM EACH BLOCK)**

LANGUAGE ARTS

PAP LANGUAGE ARTS

SCIENCE

PAP SCIENCE

MATH

ALGEBRA*

To qualify, students must meet the criteria listed on the following page. *Please sign the attached Algebra Requirements Letter.*

SOCIAL STUDIES

PAP SOCIAL STUDIES

PAP Information

A successful student may want to consider taking higher level English, math, science, and/or social studies courses in order to prepare for AP courses in high school. PAP courses take the place of on-level courses.

It is recommended that for the PAP subject(s) a student selects, he or she has previously passed the Reading/Math STAAR in that subject area and has maintained an average of at least 85% in his or her 7th grade class for that subject area. Students may be exited from a PAP course and placed into an on-level course if they are unsuccessful with PAP material (average below a 70).

All secondary (grades 7-12) identified G/T students will not be served through a pull-out program. G/T students will be served by differentiated curriculum that will be provided through PAP and regular classes.

Only two PAP courses can be guaranteed. Any more than two will be contingent upon scheduling needs. A parent signature is required for PAP enrollment.

I have read and understand the 8th grade Course Descriptions and Requirements.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

ELECTIVE COURSES

Students in the 8th grade will have a total of three electives for the year. Select your electives carefully by numbering your preferences. If an 8th grader is unsuccessful in previous years, including STAAR, they may be assigned to an ELA/Math Lab in lieu of an elective.

Please select your electives carefully by numbering your preferences from 1-8 across both sections.

See course descriptions for more information.

ELECTIVES:

- Art** (not for HS credit) Year 1 Year 2
- Athletics: Male Female** (circle one)
- Band** (audition required; no beginning band)
- Choir** Year 1 Year 2
- Film as a Literary Genre**
- Physical Education (P.E.)**
- Theatre Arts** Year 1 Year 2
- *Student Aide / Class Aide** (application required)

Newly Enrolled 8th Grade Students (not enrolled during 2016-2017 school year)

- Exploring College & Careers** (one semester) / **Technology Applications** (one semester)

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT ELECTIVES:

- Art I** (Full year, 1 HS credit)
- **Journalism** (Full year, 1 HS credit, application required)
- Health** (1 semester, ½ HS credit) / **Professional Communications** (1 semester, ½ HS credit)
- Principles of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources** (Full year, 1 HS credit)
- Spanish I** (Full year, 1 HS credit)
- Theatre I** (Full year, 1 HS credit)

*A student aide/class aide application must be completed if this is your #1 or #2 choice. You must turn in the application attached to this sheet. You must meet the requirements to qualify for this class.

**A Journalism application must be completed. You must turn in the application attached to this sheet. You must meet the requirements to qualify for this class.

^ Principles of Health Science fulfills the required Health credit for graduation. If your endorsement is Health Science there is no need to take the Health class in 8th grade.

We will do our best to place the student into their top elective choices. Due to class size and availability, the student may be placed into another course based on the ranking they provided.

I have read and understand the Elective Course Descriptions and Requirements.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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January 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian,

If your child is going to select Algebra I for his or her eighth grade math class, he or she **must make a 65 or higher on the 8th grade skills test and meet two of the three other criteria listed below.** *Algebra I will begin your child's grade point average (GPA) for graduation, and they will be required to take the Algebra I End of Course Exam.* We want to make sure students and parents are aware that this course will start their high school transcript.

Students will not be allowed to drop this course after the end of the second grading period.

Algebra I is a high school course; therefore, students must meet the 90% attendance requirement set forth by Aledo High School in order to receive credit.

The requirements are as follows:

A score of **65 or higher** on the **8th grade skills test** given during the beginning of May.

Additionally, students must meet 2 of the 3 criteria listed below:

1. A score of **81 or higher** on **computation test** given during the beginning of May.
2. A score of "Advanced – Level III" on the **7th grade STAAR –Math test.**
3.
 - a. If your child is in on-level Math 7, they must have a **final yearly average** of **90 or higher** on their final report card.
 - b. If your child is in PAP Math 7, they must have a **final yearly average** of **85 or higher** on their final report card.

My signature below indicates that I have read and am aware of the Algebra I criteria, attendance requirements, and the requirements for dropping the course.

_____ Date ____/____/____
Parent or Guardian's Signature

Student's Name: _____
Please print

Thank you,

Mandy Musselwhite
AMS Principal

